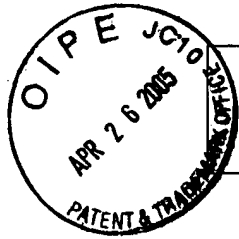


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005, Applicants elect Group II
(Claim 28) and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments
and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are represented by the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.